

HOW TO RECOVER YOUR HARD DRIVE WITHOUT FORMAT?

Due to several reasons like read/write issues, software bugs, virus/malware attacks, manufacturer faults, and poor operating conditions, your external hard drive may not function well. In most instances, it also shows you the message, “You need to format the disk before you can use it”. But, when you handle the right strategy, you can recover your external hard drive without formatting. Read the simple techniques given on this page to know How To Recover Hard Drive Without Format.



Scan Your Computer Using Windows Defender

Due to a virus attack, your external hard drive may start to malfunction. However, when you quarantine the viruses and malware from your computer, your hard drive can function well. Follow these instructions to scan your computer using Windows Defender.

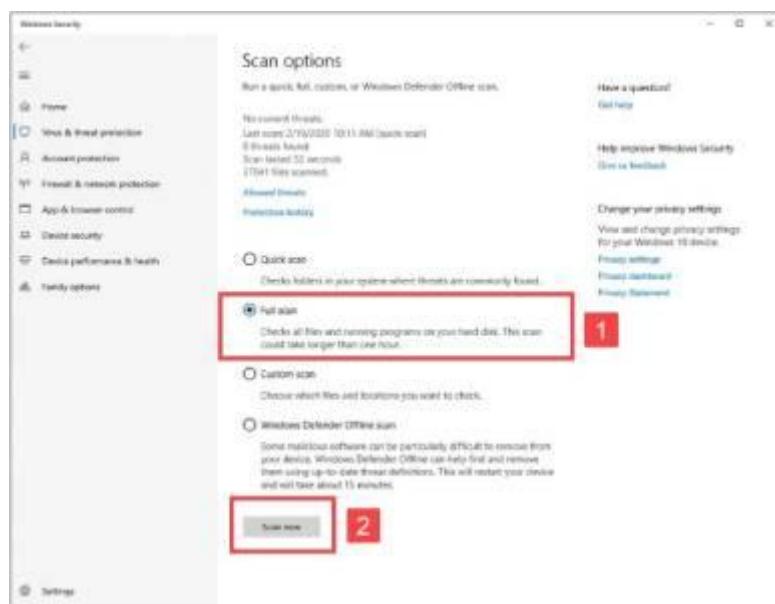
In the Windows search bar, type “windows security” and press Enter.

From the search results, click on Windows Security.

In the Windows Security window, click the Virus & threat protection option in the left panel.

Under the Quick scan section, click on Scan options.

Click the radio button next to Full scan and click the Scan now button.



Once the scanning process gets completed, check if your external hard drive functions well.

Fix File System Errors

When you repair the disk errors, you can access your external hard drive without formatting. Here is the procedure for fixing the logical file errors with CHKDSK.

- On the Windows taskbar, type cmd.
- From the search results, click on Command Prompt and select the Run as administrator option.
- Type in chkdsk X: /R and press Enter.
- Note: Replace X with your hard drive's letterDepending upon the size of your hard drive, the duration varies for the CHKDSK process. But this process can check your disk for bad sectors and repair your hard drive completely.

Repair The Corrupted Files

- The System File Checker scan can repair the corrupted system files on your Windows computer. This scan can also help you use your external hard drive without formatting.
- Run Command Prompt as administrator.
- Input sfc /scannow and press Enter.

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